



## November 2011 International & Exchange Student Newsletter

It is hard to believe it is nearly the end of our school year.

Senior students are currently sitting NCEA exams or studying at school. All seniors not involved in exams can attend the special alternative programme that is available for them.

Juniors will sit exams from 21/11/11.

We have had numerous successes and many notable achievements over the last few months.



Agustin Rudisi, far right, next to fellow International Student Bahram Ahmadi

**Agustin Rudisi** was the Most Valuable Player for the Football 1<sup>st</sup> X1 with **James Park** the Most Improved player for SB Blue

**Jeff Lin** was invited to perform, playing his traditional Chinese flute, at a celebration for Taiwan's National Day.

Our French Rugby supporter & AFS Exchange Students **Anouk Coffy** and **Sandra Meplomb** travelled to Auckland to watch France play rugby. Anouk featured in the NZ Herald's on-

going celebration of the rugby World Cup. The photo was supplied by Sandra.



Anouk Coffy at Eden Park

### Academic success

Senior Prize giving is the school's formal recognition of the success of many of our students. 16 of our International & Exchange Students received a combined total of 13 Distinction Awards and 20 Diligence Awards. These students should be very proud of their achievements.

Two students deserve special mention, **Syn Yun Phee** and **Daphene Saw**.

**Syn Yun** was 8<sup>th</sup> in Y11 with Distinction in Graphics, Science, Geography, English and Mathematics. She also gained Diligence in Accounting.

**Daphene** was 7<sup>th</sup> in Y13 with Distinction in Chemistry and Diligence in Physics, English and Maths with Calculus.

In the Sports Awards, **Agustin Rudisi** was the Boy's Footballer of the Year and **Lily Kim** was the Girls Champion for Golf.

Cultural Captain, **Vincent Aw**, gained an impressive number of awards, including the BioZone Prize and the

Tungston Shi Chemistry Award. Vincent also received the Jon Leitch Trust Award.

Vincent is not an International Student but in his role as Cultural Captain, with **Ranjini Vasanthan**, there was a close relationship with the International Department. He & Ranjini were involved in many activities with the Department and International & Exchange Students.

The assistance of domestic students is greatly appreciated and I would also like to thank **Oscar & Frank Lee & Winnie Ou** for their assistance over the past few years.

### **WEI Scholarship**

**Wei Cheng Phee** is the recipient of the Waikato Education International Scholarship. This scholarship of \$2000 is awarded by the Waikato association of Education institutions enrolling International Students.



Wei Cheng Phee

This award is open to all International Students from all participating institutions, including the University of Waikato & Wintec and all Hamilton secondary schools.

It is awarded to students who have demonstrated their academic ability and also a high level of school & community involvement.

Wei Cheng will use his scholarship towards his studies at Waikato University next year.

### **Leavers BBQ**

The annual Leavers BBQ was held at my home in Rukuhia. Unfortunately the weather prevented some activities taking place (golf and horse-riding was planned). Despite the showers, the BBQ was fired up, delicious food was provided and conversation flowed easily.



Daphene Saw and Sophie So

One of the unexpected high lights was Jodie's surprise fishing trip to the bottom of the gully. The very large eel she caught was smoked and cooked and

the more adventurous students had a taste. A true 'kiwi' experience.



Jodie Liu

### **Hillcrest High Caregivers**

Thank you to our Host Parents for the care, consideration and affection they have given our students. It is a very responsible undertaking and your dedication is greatly appreciated.



Ai & Atsumi with Ai's Host sister, Hannah

### **IMMIGRATION**

Many students will be returning home over the next few weeks. If they have turned **17 or will do so before they apply for a new Student Visa**, they **MUST** get a *Police Certificate of Good Character* while they are in their home country. This certificate is necessary to gain a new visa. The certificate is valid for three years.

All students must make sure their Insurance remains current while they are away.

Immigration New Zealand have recently opened new Visa Application Centres (VACs) in Guangzhou, Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong.

[www.newzealandvisachina.com](http://www.newzealandvisachina.com) has important information about lodging applications at a Visa Application Centre. If you have any questions please contact NZIS on [ChinaVAC@dol.govt.nz](mailto:ChinaVAC@dol.govt.nz)

It is a rather a sad time farewelling our 2011 Leavers but we know they are leaving with many positive memories of their time at Hillcrest High School and are preparing to start an exciting period in their lives.

To all our leavers,  
**GOOD LUCK FOR YOUR FUTURE!**  
I will look forward to hearing of your successes and experiences. You have left a strong impression on the school community.

**There are limited positions remaining for 2012 NEW International Students.**

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